
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BROADBAND ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO CREATE A
MASTER PLAN OF PROVIDING UNIVERSAL HIGH SPEED BROADBAND
ACCESS IN RESORT AREAS AND OTHER AREAS OF IMPORTANCE
THROUGHOUT HAWAII, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO HONOLULU
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND HAWAII PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, universal access to broadband internet services
2 has been touted as a vital economic engine for the nation, an
3 essential vehicle for enhanced learning and medicine, and a
4 critical element of the news and entertainment industries; and
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6 WHEREAS, tourism is the number one economic driver for the
7 State's economy; and
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9 WHEREAS, state action is needed to support investment in,
10 stimulate the adoption of, and remove potential barriers to the
11 development and availability of world-class and universally
12 accessible broadband networks in Hawaii; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Broadband Assistance Advisory Council
15 (Council) was established by Act 199, Session Laws of Hawaii
16 2010, as amended by Act 151, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, to
17 advise the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs on policy
18 and funding priorities to, among other things, expedite
19 deployment of affordable and accessible broadband services in
20 Hawaii; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
24 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Council is
25 requested to create a master plan to provide universal high
26 speed broadband access in resort areas and other areas of
27 importance throughout Hawaii including, but not limited to,
28 Honolulu International Airport and Hawaii public schools; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council is requested to:

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3 (1) Develop specific strategies for the establishment of
4 universal high speed broadband access throughout
5 Waikiki, resort areas, and other areas of importance
6 throughout the State, including but not limited to
7 Kaanapali, Maui; Kohala, Hawaii; Hanalei, Kauai;
8 Honolulu International Airport; and Hawaii public
9 schools; and

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11 (2) Identify best practices to establish a database that
12 identifies current and prospective projects for
13 deploying broadband; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council is requested to
16 expand its membership to include the following parties:

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18 (1) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and
19 Tourism or the Director's designee;

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21 (2) One representative from the Hawaii Tourism Authority;

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23 (3) One representative from the Department of Budget and
24 Finance;

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26 (4) One representative from each of the Mayor's offices of
27 the Counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai, and the City
28 and County of Honolulu;

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30 (5) One representative from a nonprofit organization that
31 represents the interests of the Hawaii hotel industry;
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34 (6) One representative from Hawaiian Electric Company; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all members of the Council
37 serve without compensation but be reimbursed for all necessary
38 expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in the performance
39 of their duties as Council members; and

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council is requested to
42 provide a written report of its findings and recommendations,
43 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later



1 than twenty days before the convening of the Regular Session of
2 2016; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
6 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Board of
7 Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, Director of Commerce
8 and Consumer Affairs, Director of Finance, the Mayors of the
9 Counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai and the City and County of
10 Honolulu, and Board of Directors of Hawaiian Electric
11 Industries.
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